

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-23 remain in this application. Claims 1-4 have been canceled. Claim 5 has been amended.

New claims 13-23 have been added.

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with a copy of the documents cited therein.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is/are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) [The] A stent [of claim 4] having a coating containing rapamycin or its analogs, wherein said rapamycin [is] or said analogs are contained in the coating at a weight percentage of 0.0001% to 30%.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 13. (New) The stent of claim 5 wherein said polymer is mixed to the rapamycin or its analogs.

14. (New) The stent of claim 5 wherein said polymer is bound to the rapamycin or its analogs.

15. (New) The stent of claim 5 wherein the rapamycin or its analogs is entrapped on the surface of the stent by said polymer.

16. (New) A stent having a coating containing rapamycin or its analogs, wherein said rapamycin or said analogs are contained in the coating at a weight percentage of 0.0001% to 30%, wherein the coating is a polymer.

17. (New) The stent of claim 16 wherein said polymer is mixed to the rapamycin or its analogs.

18. (New) The stent of claim 16 wherein said polymer is bound to the rapamycin or its analogs.

19. (New) The stent of claim 16 wherein the rapamycin or its analogs is entrapped on the surface of the stent by said polymer.

20. (New) A stent containing a polymer and rapamycin or its analogs wherein said rapamycin or its analogs are contained in a therapeutically beneficial amount to combat restenosis.

21. (New) The stent of claim 20 wherein said polymer is mixed to the rapamycin or its analogs.

22. (New) The stent of claim 20 wherein said polymer is bound to the rapamycin or its analogs.

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23. (New) The stent of claim 20 wherein the rapamycin or its analogs is entrapped on the surface of the stent by said polymer. —